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United States Patent [19]**Cheffetz et al.**[11] **Patent Number:** **5,133,065**[45] **Date of Patent:** **Jul. 21, 1992**[54] **BACKUP COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR NETWORKS**[75] **Inventors:** **Edward L. Cheffetz**, Tampa; **Ronald C. Searls**, Brandon, both of Fla.[73] **Assignee:** **Personal Computer Peripherals Corporation**, Tampa, Fla.[21] **Appl. No.:** **386,517**[22] **Filed:** **Jul. 27, 1989**[51] **Int. Cl.⁵** **G06F 11/20**[52] **U.S. Cl.** **395/575; 364/285.1; 364/268.1; 364/DIG. 1; 364/943.92; 364/DIG. 2**[58] **Field of Search** **364/200, 900; 371/7, 371/8.1, 8.2**[56] **References Cited****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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A computer network for backing up data and program files located on networked workstations onto a centralized backup media of a backup device of the network. The backup computer network allows users of workstations of remote nodes to preselect files (by name and by file selection criteria) on their workstation which are to be backed onto the centralized backup media. The file selection processes are therefore distributed throughout the network which considerably increases the speed of backing up over the network.

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